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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 14 - 16 currently stand in the application. Claims 3 and 13 have been cancelled and their subject matter incorporated into independent claims 1 and 11, respectively.

The Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to include the subject matter of claims 3 and 13, respectively. Base claims 1 and 11 now include all the limitations claims 3 and 13 and any intervening claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wolpert in view of Adorjan (U.S. Patent No. 829,749). In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 11, Applicant submits that these rejections are now moot.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

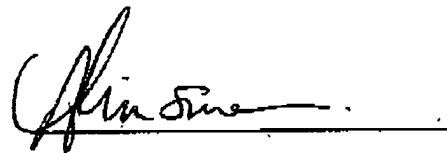
No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit an additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above noted deposit account.

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